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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4124  
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
AMEMBASSY BISSAU  
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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MONROVIA FOR USDAO

YAOUNDE FOR AMBASSADOR OLIVER S. CROSBY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OREP (WHALEN, CHARLES W.)  
SUBJECT: CODEL WHALEN

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES TRANSIT STOP OF REP. WHALEN ON  
MARCH 31. AIRPORT BRIEFING WILL BE PROVIDED. CONTROL  
OFFICER IS DCM EDWARD A. MAINLAND.

2. ON MARCH 18 CHARGE INFORMED PRIME MINISTER'S  
DIRECTOR OF CABINET ALPHA IBRAHIMA DIALLO OF REP. WHALEN'S  
PLANS, EXPLAINING THAT AS MUCH AS REP. WHALEN WOULD  
PREFER A SOMEWHAT LONGER STAY IN GUINEA, HIS FLIGHT  
SCHEDULE AND THE LIMITATIONS OF EXISTING AIRLINE  
CONNECTIONS PREVENTED THIS.

3. DIALLO (WHO IS SENIOR, AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN FOR  
PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI) REPLIED THAT GOG WELCOMES  
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TRANSIT HOWEVER BRIEF OF DISTINGUISHED U.S. CONGRESSMAN, VIEWS  
THIS IN CONTEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S APPEAL LAST YEAR FOR MORE  
AMERICAN LEADERS TO VISIT GUINEA "TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES".  
GOG WILL ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE COURTESIES ARE  
SHOWN REP. WHALEN INCLUDING PRESENCE OF MINISTERIAL-  
RANK HOST AND GUINEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS AT AIRPORT.

4. DIALLO ADDED HOWEVER THAT POLITICAL IMPACT OF REP. WHALEN'S VISIT WOULD BE MUCH GREATER AND MORE POSITIVE IF HE COULD ARRANGE TO STAY OVERNIGHT, BE GUEST OF PRESIDENT TOURE, POSSIBLY DINE WITH HIM AND CERTAINLY HOLD TALKS WITH SENIOR GOG LEADERS. DIALLO SAID PRIME MINISTER WILL WISH TO SPEAK WITH CHARGE AFTER GOG DEL'S RETURN ON MARCH 19 FROM MONROVIA SUMMIT TO DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY. DIALLO WONDERED WHETHER IN ABSENCE OF SCHEDULED AIRLINE CONNECTION, USDAO MONROVIA AIRCRAFT COULD FLY REP. WHALEN FROM CONAKRY TO ABIDJAN ON APRIL 1. DIALLO HINTED, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT POSSIBLY PRESIDENT TOURE MIGHT EVEN PUT HIS OWN AIRCRAFT AT REP. WHALEN'S DISPOSAL IF OTHER MEANS UNAVAILABLE.

5. COMMENT: DIALLO'S WARM REACTION IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF GOG'S CURRENT DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ALL POSSIBLE MOMENTUM IN IMPROVING U.S.-GUINEAN RELATIONS.

6. FOR MONROVIA: CAN USDAO AIRCRAFT PICK UP REP. WHALEN AT CONAKRY ON APRIL 1 AND TAKE HIM TO ABIDJAN? (EMBASSY IS AWARE OF USDAO'S COMMITMENTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT BUT WISHES TO CHECK ANYWAY SINCE EXTENSION OF REP. WHALEN'S STAY COULD BE REALLY EXCELLENT CHANCE TO DEEPEN DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT TOURE).  
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7. FOR DEPARTMENT: WOULD REP. WHALEN BE WILLING TO OVERNIGHT MARCH 31 AT CONAKRY AS SEKOU TOURE'S GUEST IF SPECIAL VIP TRANSPORTATION WERE AVAILABLE TO ABIDJAN APRIL 1?

8. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE.  
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